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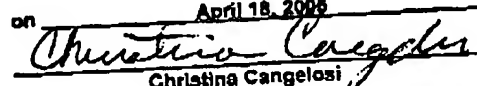
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 17, 2004 applicants submit
the following amendments and remarks for entry in the above-identified case.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page
2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.